

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**In the Specification:**

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14 with the following:

~~FIG. 1A~~ is FIGS. 1A-1F are a schematic illustration of an endostatin mRNA showing regions of secondary structure.

~~FIG. 1B~~ is FIGS. 2A-2(O) are a schematic illustration of a modified endostatin mRNA showing regions of secondary structure. The endostatin mRNA has been modified to have decreased GC-content.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 3 with the following:

An example of polypeptide-encoding nucleotide sequence redesigned to have an altered secondary structure is shown in ~~FIGS. 1A and 1B~~ FIGS. 1A-1F and FIGS. 2A-2(O). ~~FIG. 1A~~ provides FIGS. 1A-1F provide a schematic illustration of an unmodified endostatin mRNA sequence showing secondary structures characterized by regions of base-paired sequences. The free energy ( $\Delta G^\circ$ ) for the predicted structure is -242 kcal. A schematic illustration of endostatin mRNA modified to contain reduced secondary structure while encoding the same polypeptide sequence is shown in ~~FIG. 1B~~ FIGS. 2A-2(O). The  $\Delta G^\circ$  for the modified structure is -156 kcal.